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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HARVARD ECONOMIST TOM STAUFFER

REF: (A) SANA 0270, (B) KUWAIT 0230

1. LOOKS LIKE A GREAT SCHEDULE FOR STAUFFER. SUGGEST ONE SLIGHT MODIFICATION. HE HAS BEEN ON THE ROAD FOR NEARLY A MONTH AND SINCE HE WILL ARRIVE AT SANA AT 0410 JAN 20TH HE MAY BE QUITE TIRED AND NOT PARTICULARLY WANT TO DO MUCH ON THE 20TH.

2. WE HAVE ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION ON EITHER OF TWO FLIGHTS FROM ABADAN TO KUWAIT THURSDAY EVENING JAN 19TH. ONE WILL GIVE HIM CONFORTABLE 4 HOURS TRANSIT TIME IN KUWAIT. THE OTHER WILL GIVE HIM ONLY 1 HOURS. WE WILL CHECK AS REQUESTED PARA 8 REF A.

3. STAUFFER IS TRAVELING ALONE.

4. STAUFFER HAS YEMENI VISA OBTAINED IN KUWAIT.

5. WE DO NOT HAVE THE DETAILS, BUT FOLLOWING IS GENERAL BIO BACKGROUND INFO ON STAUFFER: STAUFFER HAS BA FROM MIT UNCLASSIFIED

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IN PHYSICS, MA FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, MA FROM WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS IN ENGINEERING, DID GRADUATE WORK IN UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH IN MATHEMATICS, HAS MA FROM HARVARD IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES AND PHD FROM HARVARD IN ECONOMICS. HE HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON ENERGY ECONOMICS AND HAS WRITTEN JOURNAL ARTICLES ON SUBJECTS AS DIVERSE AS THE FAST BREEDER REACTOR

AND THE ECONOMICS OF CAMEL NOMADISM. BESIDES SPEAKING FRENCH AND GERMAN, STAUFFER HAS A GOOD COMMAND OF TURKISH AND PERSIAN AND A SMATTERING OF ARABIC. HE IS MARRIED, HAS 2 DAUGHTERS AND A SON. AN EXPERT ON MIDDLE EASTERN CARPETS, HE SPENT 6 MONTHS WITH THE QASHQAI TRIBE IN IRAN TREKKING WITH THEM ON THEIR ANNUAL MIGRATION CYCLE ABOUT WHICH HE PRODUCED A FULL LENGTH MOVIE. IN SHORT, HE IS AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON.

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